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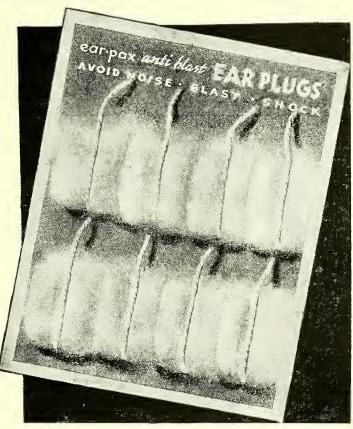
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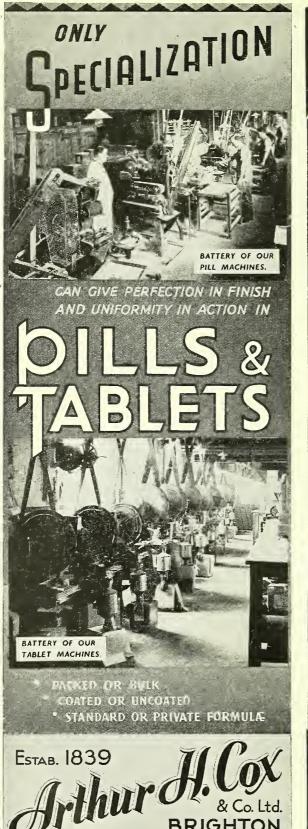
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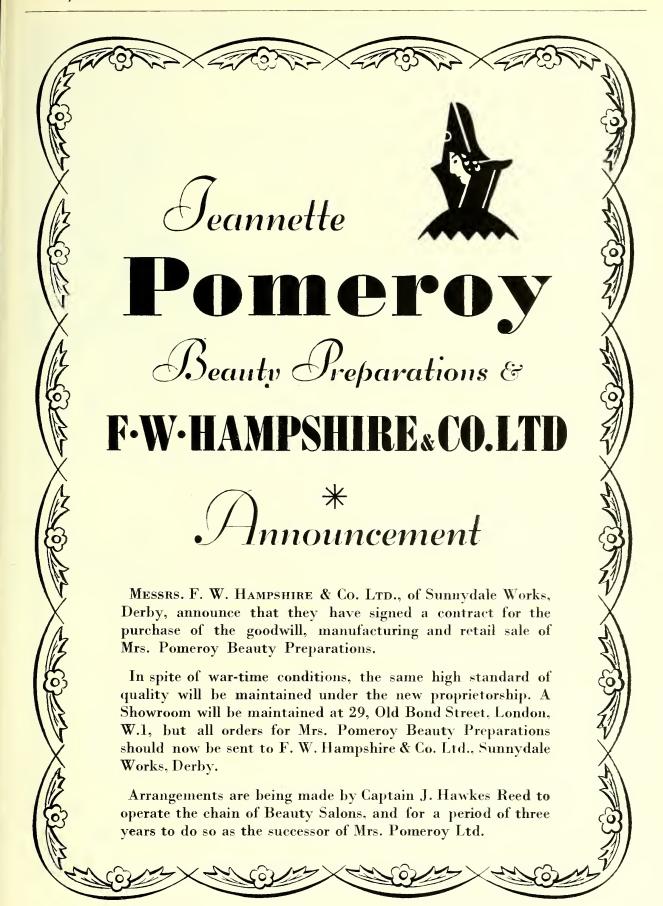
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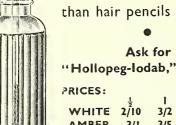




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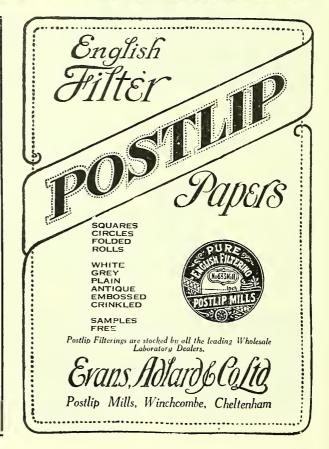
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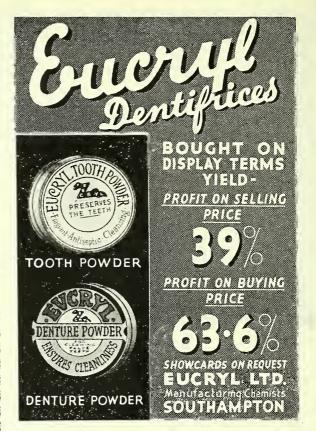
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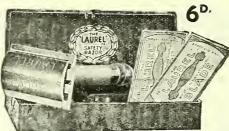


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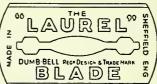
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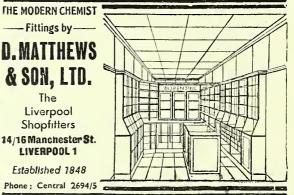
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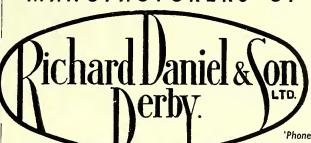
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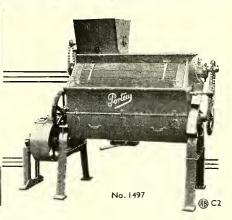
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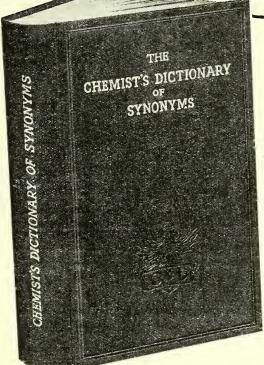
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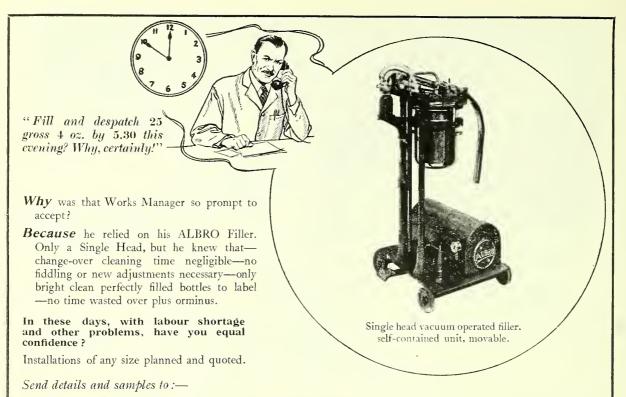
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Magnesia Export Group.—An export group has been formed: airman, Mr. R. J. Raeside; Secretary, Mr. P. R. Prescott; address, e Washington Chemical Co., Washington Station, co. Durham

Control of Magnesium.—The Control of Magnesium (No. 1) Order, ρο, which came into force on July 23, provides that magnesium its alloys shall not be bought, sold or used except under licence.

Control of Exports.—The Board of Trade have issued the Export Goods (Control) (No. 25) Order. The changes of interest to the trade de by the Order are: In Group 13, insert calcium arsenate A, lead enate A, and sodium arsenate A.

Control of Tins and Cans.—The Minister of Supply issued on 23 the Control of Tins and Cans (No. 1) Order, 1940, prohibiting thwith the manufacture of containers made of tin and metal for certain sses of goods, including cosmetics, toilet preparations and articles, ls, tablets, and certain invalid foodstuffs. Metal containers, of certain yet to be specified, are to be permitted for medical, pharmaceual and general chemicals. Details are given in an editorial article on 43 of this issue.

Pharmacy and Poisons Act.—An Order in Council, S.R. & O. 1217, s issued on July 10. It modifies two sections of the Pharmacy and isons Act, 1933, as follows:-

a) The provisions of subsection (1) of section twenty-three of that Act requiring that rules under that section shall be made only after consultation with or on the recommendation of the Poisons Board: (b) the provisions of subsection (2) of section twenty-six of that Act requiring that, if the Secretary of State makes any such rules as aforesaid with which the said Board does not concur, he shall lay before each House of Parliament a statement of his reasons for making the rules:

all not apply to any such rules as aforesaid which appear to the cretary of State to be expedient for facilitating the destruction of min and pests for the purpose of preventing damage to crops, trees, sturage, fences, banks or works.

Antitoxins, Antiserums and Tuberculin.—The international stanrds for serums and bacteriological products are held, on behalf of the alth organisation of the League of Nations, by the State Serum stitute, Copenhagen, from which samples have hitherto been furshed to laboratories, institutions and research workers requiring em in different countries. That supply being now interrupted, the alth organisation of the League has requested the Medical Research ouncil to allow samples of the British Standards for these products, ld at the National finstitute for Medical Research, Hampstead, ndon, to be furnished to those who have hitherto received the ternational standards from Copenhagen. The Medical Research uncil has agreed to make this arrangement to meet the emergency, d to prevent the complete interruption of this international service. ne British standards in question are either part of the same materials those kept as international standards in Copenhagen, or have been peatedly verified by the British and Danish institutes, to ensure that e units determined in terms of the British standards are exactly uivalent to the international units. The standards available are:— (1) Identical in material with the international standards: staphyloccus antitoxin; gas-gangrene antitoxins:—(perfringens), (B. vibrion otique), (œdematiens), (histolyticus); antidysentery serum (shiga): tipneumoccus serums (type I and type II); old tuberculin.
(2) Difference in material, but with identity of the unit indication

nfirmed twice a year at Copenhagen and Hampstead:—Diphtheria titoxin; tetanus antitoxin. The National Institute at Hampstead n also supply, on request, a standard solution of diphtheria antitoxin use in the flocculation test.

The stocks of these standards held at Hampstead are adequate to

meet all demands, with the exception of the standards for antipneumo-coccus serum, type I and type fI. The remaining stocks of these two standards are low, both at Copenhagen and Hampstead, and it is requested, therefore, that demands for them will be restricted to essential needs. It is further requested that, in order to conserve the stocks of these standards so far as possible, laboratories will co-operate with the Hampstead Institute by establishing local laboratory standards for these two antipneumococcus serums, type I and type II, the potency of which has been determined by comparative tests made with the relevant international standard preparation. Former recipients of the international standards, who wish to be supplied during the interruption of the issues from the Copenhagen Institute, should make immediate application, stating which of the standards they require, and how many bottles in each case, to the Department of Biological Standards, The National firstitute for Medical Research, Hampstead, London, N.W.3. England. On receipt of this information the required supplies will be dispatched at once. Thereafter, further samples of the required standards will be furnished at regular half-yearly intervals.

Ships' Medical Scales.—The Ministry of Shipping has issued Notice No. M. 188 adding sulphapyridine, sulphanilamide, and hypodermic tablets of morphine sulphate or hydrochloride to Ships' Medical Scales. The notice, which is to owners and masters, is as follows:-

Scale I.—Drugs

Article	Quantities for ships making voyages not exceeding thirty days with passengers and crew not exceeding:—			
	99	250	500	1000
(p) Sulphapyridine (p) Sulphanilanide and its	tablets 100	tablets 150	tablets 200	tablets 300
equivalents	100	150	200	300

Scale If.—Medicines

Article	mentioned number of men and boys (for twelve months).			
	Under 25 men	26–50 men	Over 50 men	
Hypodermic tablets:— (p) Morphine hydrochloride or sulphate tablets of one-quarter grain each		r6 tablets	32 tablets	

These tablets are for use only to relieve men in extreme pain, and not more than two should be placed under the patient's tongue and allowed to dissolve. They will not take effect for 10-15 minutes. One tablet may be repeated, if necessary, not less than three hours later.

A note of the number of tablets and the time they were given should always go with the patient when he is landed or otherwise removed from the care of the Master.

Orders for supplies of the tablets must be signed by the Master, and

not by a deputy. Notes.—(1) (p). The prefix "p" indicates that these articles are to be marked with red poison label and kept in separate locker under lock and key (2) The addition of morphine tablets to Scale II is a war-time measure only.

IRELAND

Business Change.—Miss H. M. Ryan, M.P.S.I., will shortly open a new pharmacy at 43 Grand Parade, Cork.

Tea Allocation for Eire.—The Ministry of Food has granted permits for the export of the equivalent of one week's supply of tea to Eire.

THE NEW PURCHASE TAX

THE following extracts are taken from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement on the modified form of Purchase Tax, as given in the official "Parliamentary Debates."

The taxable field may be taken as being about £600,000,000 at

wholesale prices.

Exemption is given in the case of certain medicines and medical appliances. We spend many millions annually on medicines of differing quality and differing necessity, but there are certain drugs and medicines which have to be taken for long periods and sometimes, as in the case of diabetic patients, for life. The prime cost in such cases is heavy and therefore we provide that in those cases there shall be complete exemption from the tax.

Under the new plan there will be a high rate of tax on the purchase of goods which are either luxuries or goods which in the hard circumstances of war we can either do without or of which we can at least postpone the replacement. That rate of tax will be one-third of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. on the wholesale value, representing about 24 per cent. on retail prices. The type of goods covered by this higher rate of tax will include luxuries like furs, articles made with real silk, lace, china and porcelain articles, cut glassware, fancy goods, jewellery, toilet preparations including cosmetics.

In addition there will be a schedule of goods at a much lower rate of duty. This rate will be one-sixth, or $16\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. on the wholesale value, representing about 12 per cent. on the retail prices. There will be included in the lower-rate schedule articles like clothing, boots and shoes, other than children's clothing, boots and shoes, which are completely exempted, and other than certain types of such articles of a

luxury category, which will be liable to the higher rate of duty. In addition I propose to include at the lower rate medicines and drugs other than those completely exempt: and finally newspapers, per-

iodicals and books.

The introduction of the two rates will require another substantial change from the present bill. I propose to schedule goods which are liable to tax showing the types of goods liable to the full duty and those liable to the half duty respectively. The class of goods on which the duties are falling will thus be defined and this will be of considerable advantage to traders. I also propose to make certain simplifications in the machinery of registration. I might perhaps say that I have also examined again with care the method by which the tax is to be imposed.

Only after careful consideration was it decided that it should take the form of a merchant sales tax which should be applied normally when

goods pass from the wholesaler to the retailer.

The resolutions to be put from the chair to-day will include a new resolution to impose the tax as from a date to be fixed by Treasury Order, at rates of one-third and one-sixth respectively on articles to be specified in the necessary legislation. The existing Purchase Tax Bill will then be withdrawn and the provisions of the new scheme will be included in the ordinary way in the forthcoming Finance Bill. The tax cannot operate until the preliminary process of registration has been completed, but I see no reason why that should occupy more than a month or two.

REGISTRATION OF CHEMISTS

An Order has been made requiring persons with qualifications chemistry, physics and quantity-surveying to apply for registration in the Central Register. The Order came into force on July 20 and applies all persons (including aliens) not serving in the Armed Forces (excludin the Home Guard) who are covered by the definitions, but not persons already enrolled on the Central Register either directly through their professional institutions. The specified classes include

I. (a) A person who has taken an honours degree of any universit of the British Empire in chemistry, or the Associateship (or Fellowship of the Institute of Chemistry, or a qualification which is recognised equivalent to any of the foregoing, and who is normally engaged chemical practice or chemical industry, including research, production development, management, control, consulting or analytical work, an

post-graduate study.

(b) A person who has taken a Bachelor of Science degree of an university of the British Empire including chemistry as a finals subjec and has been normally engaged in chemical practice for the two yea immediately preceding the date of the coming into force of this Ordor immediately preceding any subsequent date.

(c) A person who has passed the Intermediate examination of an university of the British Empire for the degree of Bachelor of Science or who has obtained a Higher School certificate including chemistry, the Higher National certificate in chemistry, or the Scottish Education Department Group Leaving certificate including chemistry, and he been normally engaged in chemical practice for the five years immediated preceding the date of the coming into force of this Order or immediatel preceding any subsequent date.

(d) A person who has taken an honours degree of any university the British Empire iu chemistry and (a) is normally engaged in teachir chemistry at a university, university college or technical college, (b) being under thirty years of age, has been normally engaged in the teaching of chemistry in schools for not more than five years since

obtaining the said degree.

2. A person who has obtained an honours degree in physics of an university of the British Empire and who is normally engaged as physicist at any university or in any industry or as a teacher of physic The following passages are from a statement issued by tl Pharmaceutical Society:—

Certain chemists and others were required to apply before July for application forms for enrolment on the Central Register of the Ministry of Labour. The requirement applies to the above person only if they are normally engaged in chemical practice. It would no for example, apply to those who are engaged in pharmaceutical practic e.g. in pharmacies, hospitals or the pharmaceutical (as distinct fro chemical) laboratories of manufacturing houses. The Order does no apply to persons enrolled on the Central Register, either directly through any professional institution such as the Pharmaceutical Societ Nevertheless those included within the Order who are already registered with the Society may, if they desire to do so, also register themselv under the Order. Those already registered with Society should write of their application form "already registered with Pharmaceutical Society

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Tea and Tar.—If the ingenious advocate of aqua picis (presumably drunk hot) as an alternative to tea (p. 33) seriously intends to popularise it, he will probably have a long row to hoe. I have no means at hand of checking the writer's statement that the phrase "the cup that cheers" was applied originally to tar water, but I take leave to doubt it. Many of your readers will have recognised in the formula given the hand of Bishop Berkeley of Cloyne, who in 1744 issued a thirty-two-page pamphlet entitled "The Medicinal Virtues of Tar Water Fully Explained ..." and promptly followed it up with a book eventually translated into various languages. The first edition of the book bore the comprehensive title "A Chain of Philosophical Reflexions and Inquiries Concerning the Virtues of Tar-Water, And divers other Subjects connected together and arising one from another." Berkeley had picked up the idea of the solution in the course of missionary work among American Indian tribes: in his book he fortified his position with quotations from Plato, Pliny and other authors, and made a systematic use of analogy. In a postscript to the recipe he uttered a caution against profiteering: "It's greatly feared, that some Persons, for a little gain, will make more of the Water than the Bishop orders, which they ought to be caution'd against."

"Epidemical Madness."—The sudden (though transient) vogue of Berkeley's panacea owed something to his personal popularity. The reactions of the medical profession to his propaganda were, as might have been expected, hostile. One pamphlet was headed "A Cure for the Epidemical Madness of drinking Tar Water, Lately imported . . ." It was not difficult, on reading the extensive claims made by the learned bishop, to show that those claims were to some extent incompatible. The water was, according to one humorous critic, "at once Salt and

Spirit; Soap and Balsam; Oil, Vinegar, and Sunshine . . achick and a Pectoral; a Restorative and a Diuretick; an Anti-hyster and a Balsamic; an Attenuant, Detergent and Diaphoretick; a Par gorick and Deobstruant; a Purge and an Astringent; a Cooler and rdial. . . . And lastly . . . it will save us the Expence of Guaiacu . of Chalybeate Waters, Wine, Ale and Brandy, Genzeng, Soa. it will save us the Expence of Guaiacu

Opium and Good News, the surest and most pleasing of all Cardiacs. Minerals in Nutrition.—Those of your readers who cater for vete inary requirements will note the useful facts in "Mineral Supplemen for Livestock" (p. 34). The modern farmer may read his trade journa more systematically than his predecessor in the farm, who usually, fear, treated such "book learning" with contempt; but he is not to well informed to disregard hints from a chemist in business if the hints are knowledgeable. Research workers have been engaged for son time past on investigations into the bearing of soil constituents on anim nutrition and the prevention of disease: it cannot be doubted that the long run a more adequate conception of the problems of anim feeding will result. The use of small proportions of cobalt chloride the anæmia called "pine" is of significance as a case in point. The who subject has a wider application. The rôle of minute quantities—som times mere traces—of mineral ingredients in foods is often obscur but it is probably more important than most dieticians have realise We have all become familiar with the addition of a copper salt to ferro carbonate in the treatment of anæmia, though its practical value ma not have been finally assessed. The paragraph on manganese in yo article reminds me of numerous references to it in "Pharmaceutic Formulas." It may have its adherents but I question whether it h made much therapeutic headway in the last half-century. Xrayser

COMPANY NEWS

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EVANS SONS LESCHER & WEBB, LTD.—Mr. E. P. H. Lescher, having unteered for military service, has resigned his position as director he company.

IONSANTO CHEMICALS, LTD.—MR. A. D. DAYSH, M.P.S., has been ted to the board. He has been associated with the firm for twenty rs, for a period as manager of the London office and for the past en years as sales manager.

Private Arrangement.—C. F. Adamson, M.P.S., The Arcade, tion Road, Colwyn Bay. At a recent meeting of creditors the statent of affairs disclosed liabilities of £602; after allowing preferential ms £16, net assets were £518 (a deficiency of £84). The prin-ol assets were stock-in-trade, £450, and household furniture, £50. tor previously traded in partnership with a relative, but since 1934 continued the business on his own account. In the year to March 1038, the sales were £1,932 (net profit £102), whilst in the following live months there was a net profit of £147 on a turnover of £1,931. es for the twelve months to March 1940 were £1,199, and since ril 1, 1940, they had been £123. It was decided that a deed of ignment already executed to Mr. P. G. Gadd as trustee should be firmed. A committee of three creditors was also appointed.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Saccharin Distribution.—Sir R. Gower asked the Parliamentary retary to the Ministry of Food on July 18 whether he was aware t, owing to import restrictions, the manufacture and, distribution of charin in this country were virtually a monopoly, and what steps was taking to secure equitable distribution of the available charin?

Ir. Boothby: I am aware that the import of saccharin, except ler licence, is prohibited. Imports, however, before the war conuted only a small proportion of the total consumption. The distribun of saccharin to the various classes of user is kept constantly under iew, and if my hon. Friend has knowledge of any cases of inequitable tribution I shall be glad to look into them.

Vitamin B₁ in Bread.—In the course of a statement in the House of nmons on July 18 the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of d made the following reference to vitamin B_1 : The main objection white flour is that it is lacking in the vitamin content of wholemeal or, and this is a difficulty we intend to overcome by fortifying white ur with vitamin B₁. In addition, we have decided to introduce into loaf a small quantity of calcium salt. It will take some months, vever, before there is a sufficient supply of B₁ to fortify the entire ad supply of this country, but when that time arrives the public will given a choice of fortified white bread or wholemeal bread at the ne price, and each consumer will be free to purchase bread of one d or another as he wishes.

Priticism of the Government's policy was offered by Sir Ernest ham-Little, who made a speech from which the following extract aken: I wish to comment on the statement made by my hon. end in which he said that the white flour deprived of wheat germs o be restored to its pristine virtue by adding vitamin B₁. He must ow that the universal scientific opinion is that the organic and tural supplies of vitamins are far superior to the synthetic kind. I not see that the supply of synthetic vitamin B₁ can take the place the organic natural product, and surely it is a very foolish method ich demands subsequent restoration of an ingredient which you ve taken away, and you replace it in a form in which it is inferior to original constitution. I question very much indeed the value of that duct, and I still further question the inexpensiveness of the addition. nthetic vitamins are made by wholesale chemists, who know how to

TRADE NOTES

Sugarex is the name of a liquid sweetening material manufactured by Ashe Laboratories, Ltd. Further details of this product are given in the advertisement pages of this issue.

Otosedan.—This speciality, which was formerly known by the name of Otoselerol, is now being manufactured in this country, and supplies may be obtained from Coates & Cooper, Ltd., 94 Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C.1. Otosedan is packed in containers of 50, 500 and 1,000 tablets as hitherto.

AURAX EAR PROTECTORS.—Optrex, Ltd., Wadsworth Road, Perivale, Middlesex, have introduced an ear plug for use in air raids under the name Aurax. Designed by a well-known aurist, the plug is made of soft rubber, automatically moulded to the design of the ear. One dozen pairs are issued on a coloured display card.

MORYL brand carbaminovlcholine chloride, the chemical which was originally introduced under the trade mark Doryl, is now manufactured under licence granted to Savory & Moore, Ltd., Lawrence Road, London, N.15. Moryl is available in the form of ampoules, tablets and solutions for special applications. A copy of an informative folder relating to this product is available on request.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PLASTERS.—Details are given elsewhere in this issue of the new conditions on which medical and surgical plasters will be sold by a number of manufacturers from August 1. The terms to both wholesalers and retailers will be on a strictly net basis and no settlement discount will be allowed, though quantity discounts to retailers will continue as previously.

GRAIN PESTS.—An 18-pp. booklet entitled "Pests of Grain," fully illustrated, and an illustrated wall chart, size 25 in. × 20 in., entitled "These Insects are Pests," have been issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (H.M. Stationery Office, prices 3d. and 4d. each respectively). The illustrations are strikingly clear and enable the pests to be readily identified.

Fine Chemicals directory.—The latest edition of the "Directory of British Fine Chemicals," just issued by the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, bears the date April 1940, and is available for distribution gratis to bona-fide users of fine chemicals on application to the office of the Association, 166 Piccadilly, London, W.I. A revised index of manufacturers is repeated on each left-hand page of the list.

Bonus offers to wholesalers and retailers.—To assist production of Jackson's febrifuge and to bring forward seasonal orders, George Jackson & Sons, Ltd., Brewery Street, Harpurhey, Manchester, 9, are offering to wholesalers a bonus of thirteen to the dozen on all orders. The bonus commences on August 1 and closes on August 31. Retailers are offered a similar bonus on orders placed through wholesalers between August 1 and September 7.

EAR-PAX EAR PLUGS.—Splendor, Ltd., Beastmarket Hill, Nottingham, are marketing anti-blast ear plugs and a mouth cushion produced by Tampax, Ltd. The ear plugs are made of cotton wool and are stated to conform to the recommendations of the Ministry of Home Security. Made by a special process from long fibre cotton wool stitched to a cord, they are easily inserted in the ear and just as easily withdrawn. The mouth cushion is made from rubber and is sterilisable.

Novel Iodine Applicator.—M. J. Fecher, Ltd., 492 Ipswich Road, Trading Estate, Slough, has introduced the Hollopeg Iodab iodine bottle. The screw closure of this container, instead of being fitted with a camel-hair brush, has a tube in which is inserted a piece of absorbent material. This ingenious form of applicator is of special appeal at the present time, but for those who prefer the type with a camel-hair brush Messrs. Fecher are able to supply the Hollopeg iodine bottle as formerly.

Parke, Davis & Co., Beak Street, London, W.I, have introduced a combined antityphoid-paratyphoid vaccine and tetanus toxoid (T.A.B.T.) for simultaneous immunisation against typhoid and paratyphoid fevers and tetanus by a course of two injections, which are given with an interval of at least one month between. This combination of well-known prophylactic antigens is prepared in the Inoculation Department of St. Mary's Hospital, London, and is issued in sets of two I c.c. ampoules (first and second doses for one patient) and also in 10 c.c. rubber-capped bottles of first-dose strength and 10 c.c. rubbercapped bottles of second-dose strength.

Business Changes

Franklin & Cook Sales Agency, Ltd., have moved to Bolton House, 61 Curzon Street, London, S.W.I.

THE CLEVELAND COURT PHARMACY, LTD., has taken over the business of S. Press (Chemists), Ltd., 86A Cleveland Street, London, W.I.

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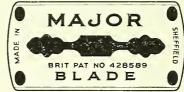
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Supplementary Budget

In the basis of taxation imposed in the Supplementary Budget introuced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Tuesday revenue from all
surces for the first full year will, it is estimated, be increased by £239
illions, or nearly 20 per cent. more than was budgeted for in April
st. The momentum of war expenditure, however, has increased
apidly, and is already £800 nillions a year more than was estimated
nly four months ago. Part, and we hope a substantial part, of the
effect will be met by national savings, the sale of bullion abroad, and
y a steady increase in our export sales. However, the very moderate
nposts now indicated are, it seems, part of the Government's policy
f giving the nation "small doses at frequent intervals," and this
sudget may be regarded as an interim measure with further sacrifices
be called for in another Supplementary Budget in the late autumn,
rith the peak of taxation reached next April, when the Chancellor
throduces the annual national financial statement. Whatever further
emands may be entailed they must be met cheerfully. The only
lternative is inflation, a paralysing and disastrous form of taxation.

We publish on another page in this issue extracts from the Chanellor's statement on the proposed new form of Purchase Tax, as eported in "Hansard." Beyond this novel experiment in raising evenue there is nothing new except the proposal to deduct income tax n wages and salaries at source. No date for the introduction of this ystem, which will, we believe, be generally welcomed, was announced, but it is likely to operate when instalments fall due next January. The increase in income tax of one shilling was rather less than was appected, but it should be noted that the rate of tax on the first £165 of axable income is to be increased from 3s. 9d. to 5s. in the £. The main increases in indirect taxation imposed are on those old revenue favourities of successive chancellors, beer (1d. a pint), tobacco (2s. a lb.) and vines (light, 2s., and heavy, 4s. a gallon).

Although the modified Purchase Tax, according to the Chancellor, vill apply only to 14 per cent. of the normal national annual personal expenditure (£600 millions, wholesale value), it places a widespread and leavy burden on some sections of the chemical and allied trades. Under the higher rate of duty, 33½ per cent. on wholesale values, are to be cheduled "Toilet preparations including cosmetics," "Fancy goods," and "Cut glassware." The substantial tax on toilet preparations and cosmetics will increase the wholesale value of these goods for the burpose of the Limitation of Supplies Order and still further restrict supplies. "Certain drugs and medicines" are to be completely exempt, and an indication is included as to the interpretation to be given to this ategory by reference to medicines taken by diabetic patients. Drugs and medicines, other than those completely exempt, are to be charged at the lower rate of duty of 16½ per cent. on the wholesale value. Until the schedule of drugs and medicines liable to the tax is issued it would be premature to comment on the proposal but, as a "wholesale" tax, t seems that medicines dispensed by a retailer will be outside the scope of the duty. Provisions for the new scheme will be included in the

forthcoming Finance Bill and schedules of goods liable to both rates

of tax are to be issued in due course. In all cases the tax will be applied

when goods pass from wholesaler to retailer, and it is anticipated that the necessary machinery for its operation will be completed by the end of September.

Control of Tin Containers

The Ministry of Supply has issued the Control of Tins and Cans (No. 1) Order, 1940 (S.R. and O. No. 1308) (H.M. Stationery Office, price 2d.), prohibiting, as from July 23, the consumption of tinplate and sheet in the production of containers for a large number of commodities, amongst which are the following:—

Cat food, chocolates and chocolate, cornflour, custard powders, dripping, dog food, extract of malt, fat or fats other than lard, honey, lard, liquorice powder and pellets, malt extract, cod liver oil, medicinal pills and tablets, seidlitz powders, strychnine, sugar of milk, bath crystals and bath salts not being medicinal, borax powder, brilliantine, cigarettes, coconut oil, cosmetics and toilet creams, face powder, liquid soap, manicure powder, nail polish, petrol, shampoo powders, shaving sticks, suppositories, toilet soap tablets.

The Order also bans the use of tinplate or sheet in the manufacture of advertising novelties and showcards, counter displays, dummies, godets for powder compacts, metal tablets, oil cabinets, shelf strips, trays and window displays. Generally, all luxury metal packs and all small, uneconomic sizes of metal containers have been eliminated and, where containers have hitherto been used only because of their attractiveness in design, supplies will now be cut out. The manufacture of tin containers for export and for special Government purposes is not affected by the Order.

Provision is made for the supply to retailers of approved sizes of tins for medicinal, pharmaceutical and general chemicals and various foodstuffs. Such sizes are stated to be set out in two booklets, one for food containers and one for other products, issued by the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.I, price 9d. each. Upon obtaining copies of the "Schedule of Sizes of Tins and Cans for Commodities other than for Food Products" we found that Section 5, "Metal Containers for Medical and Pharmaceutical Purposes," and Section 6, "Metal Containers for General Chemicals, etc.," consist of blank pages. After inquiry at the Institution we were informed that the specifications for containers for these two sections were still under consideration. Unless they are interested in containers for other classes of goods, chemical manufacturers will find the booklets quite useless. No information has been forthcoming as to when the schedules of sizes of such tin containers will be published, and apparently it is permitted, in the meantime, to use whatever containers may be available.

Retail Drug Prices

The object of the Prices of Goods Act, 1940, is to ensure that the net profit from sales is not greater than that obtained from the sales of similar goods in August 1939, while allowing adjustment for changes in expenses. By the Order made under the Act in May (C. & D.), May 18, p. 273), the price of all drugs and chemicals (except those used in dispensing) was brought under control. The system of calculating profits under the Prices of Goods Act differs from the accepted method in the drug trade, and this has necessitated a division of the C. & D. Retail and Dispensing Price List into two parts. In future, these will be published separately as the C. & D. List of Retail Prices and the C. & D. Dispensing Price List. The first issue of the former is enclosed in this number of the C. & D. and the retail prices given in it are based on the system laid down in the Act, as elaborated by the Central Price Regulation Committee (C. & D.) Coloured Supplement, March 23). In all retail transactions, therefore, the C. & D. List of Retail Prices should be used or, in the case of a drug or chemical not included, the price should be adjusted in accordance with the Act. For dispensing, the C. & D. Dispensing List may continue to be used for calculating the price of the medicine as hitherto.

According to the C. & D. Costing System, used for the Retail and Dispensing Price List for the past eighteen years, and to the custom throughout the drug trade, definite percentages have been added to the cost price in order to give the retail selling price. This percentage covered net profit and expenses, the accepted figure for the former being 20 per cent. Under the Prices of Goods Act the amount, not the percentage, of net profit on each article must remain constant, whatever the change in cost. For this reason the cost prices of drugs and chemicals in August 1939 and at the present time are given in the C. & D. List of Retail Prices. The seller may add the net amount of the increase in cost and an amount for expenses. The last-mentioned is calculated as a proportion of turnover and compared with a similar figure for August 1939. If the expense ratio of the whole business is unchanged, the only variable factor in calculating the price of a drug or chemical is its increased cost. In connexion with this ratio it should not be overlooked that retailers conducting a one-person business may include a reasonable salary as expenses. For the purpose of the C. & D. List of Retail Prices it has been assumed that the expense ratio is unaltered. The degree of variation of this factor must be calculated by each chemist for his own business.

"C. & D." Dictionary of Synonyms

THE need for an up-to-date publication containing the many synonyms that are likely to be met with in pharmaceutical practice has been evident for some time, and since the C. & D. "Dictionary of Synonyms" was last issued many terms included therein have tended to become obsolete and new terms have come into use. With the object of presenting in one volume the chemical, pharmaceutical and botanical synonyms most likely to confront the pharmacist, a further edition of this work has now been published at the price of five shillings per copy. In compiling this volume the general style of the earlier edition has been maintained, with one important exception: so far as possible trade marks have been eliminated. This step has been taken owing to the obvious difficulty of including a complete list of the trade marks associated with the drug and chemical trades in a book of this size. A valuable addition to the material obtained from the earlier edition of the "Dictionary" has been the incorporation into the new volume of "Rouse's Synonyms for the Use of Chemists, their Assistants and Apprentices," together with terms which have been accumulated by the publisher of the work since it was issued in 1898. The new "Dictionary of Synonyms" has been printed in a style which makes for quick reference, and abbreviations have so far as possible been abolished—the few that have been retained being self-evident. The opportunity has been taken to make the present volume uniform in typography and format with other recent books of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST Series.

The Half-Year's Trade

With the publication of the country's trading returns for June the progress of overseas trade for the first six months of the year can be reviewed and useful comparisons made with the results achieved in previous years. It must be borne in mind that international trade during this period has been beset with problems and hindrances entirely absent in times of peace, and it might have been expected that considerably decreased figures would be the result. Despite all difficulties, however, both imports and exports show substantial increases over the figures for the corresponding periods of the past two years. The following table shows imports and exports for the first six months of 1938, 1939, and 1940:—

	Imports	Exports (United Kingdom Goods)	Exports (Imported Merchan- dise)	Exports (Total)
Six months ended:— June 1940 June 1939 June 1938	£	£	£	£
	612,527,356	249,737,661	19,359,419	269,097,080
	447,787,735	236,318,724	28,101,342	264,420,066
	469,657,664	233,193,516	32,848,053	266,041,569

After the excellent results achieved in May it was generally expected that the June export figures would show a decline, on account of the unparalleled upheaval in the export trades caused by war developments during the month. Among the factors contributing to this decline—about \pounds_3 ·6 million as compared with June 1939—were the necessity of diverting Mediterranean shipping, the entry of Italy into the war, and the effects of invasions of further European territories. There is no reason to suppose that future export effort cannot more than make up this loss, which is small compared with the initial setbacks experienced at the commencement of the war. In re-exports, the June figure was \pounds_2 million, compared with \pounds_4 ·3 million in June 1939, and \pounds_4 ·9 million in June 1938. On the import side the figures for June 1940 were \pounds_9 00 million, compared with \pounds_8 2 million in June 1938, and \pounds_7 6·5 million in June 1938. Compared with immediately preceding months, however, the import figures for June showed a rather sharp decline.

It is satisfactory to note that the export of "Chemicals, etc." continues to show a substantial increase over the figures for the two previous years. In June 1940 exports of this class of goods were valued at £2,479,590, compared with £2,240,180 in June 1939 and £1,715,994 in June 1938—increases of £239,410 and £763,596. During the first six months of the present year the total value of "Chemicals, etc." exported was £16,731,833, compared with £11,977,257 in 1939 and £11,010,401 in 1938. These substantial increases in export trade are a tribute to the manufacturing and business capacities of the British chemical trade.

Chemicals, Dyes, Drugs and Colours	June			January-June		
	1940	1939	1938	1940	1939	1938
Imports	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Exports of U.K.	1,298	1,489	903	10,101	8,094	5,962
manufacture	2,479	2,240	1,715	16,731	11,977	11,010
Re-exports	60	40·9	41·5	420·8	254·6	225·8

Re-exports in this group for the first six months of 1940 also showed an increase, the figures being as follows: 1940, £420,800; 1939, £254,617; and 1938, £225,874. On the import side of the accounts the value of "Chemicals, etc." for June 1940 was £1,298,100, compared with £1,489,803 in 1939 and £903,611 in 1938.

MARRIAGES

Notices for this column must be authenticated

CAMPBELL—STEWART.—At Braid Church, Edinburgh, on June 1 Neil Campbell, Ph.D., 4 Craiglockhart Terrace, Edinburgh, to Marjor Stewart, eldest daughter of the late Charles Stewart, M.P.S., Comisto Road, Edinburgh.

PARR—YEATES.—At St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on July 1 George Edward Parr, B.Sc., to Orena Gysbertha Yeates, M.P.S. younger daughter of Major C. J. Yeates, M.P.S., and Mrs. Yeates, 2 Westbourne Road, Peverell, Plymouth. Miss Daphne Yeates, M.P.S. was one of the two bridesmaids.

Scott—Soddy.—At Glasgow University Memorial Chapel, on Ju 9, John William Scott, Maxwelltown, Dumfries, to Frances Wilhelmin second daughter of the late F. W. Soddy, M.P.S., 47 Kilmarnox Road, Glasgow.

Silver Wedding.—Teiffel.—Harmston.—At Victoria, Britis Columbia, on July 6, 1915, Leonard John Teiffel, Ph.C., formerly Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Euphemia Mackenzie Harmston, late of Newar Present address: 18 Spit Road, Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W., Australis

DEATHS

Craig.—At Ashford, Middlesex, on July 14, Mr. Edwin Forbes Craig M.P.S., for many years in business as a chemist and optician at Ne Bridge, Dover. Mr. Craig qualified in 1903 and only retired frocommercial life recently.

FOSTER.—At Chelsfield, Kent, on July 19, Mr. S. M. Foster, agg forty. Mr. Foster had been in control of the sales staff of Cellucotto Products, Ltd. (Kotex), Carkers Lane, London, N.W.5, since the inception of the company.

OAKELEY.—Recently, Mr. Thomas James Oakeley, chemist ardruggist, High Street, Thatcham, Berks, aged seventy-six.

Shallcross.—Recently, Mr. Joseph Richard Shallcross, chemist and druggist, Bolton, aged eighty-two.

SMITH.—At Bridge House, Whitstable Road, Faversham, Kent, c July 1, Mr. Alexander Smith, chemist and druggist. Mr. Smith qualifie in 1902 and was for many years manager at West Street, Favershan for Timothy Whites & Taylors, Ltd. He retired four years ago o account of ill-health.

TURNBULL.—Recently, Mr. James Turnbull, M.P.S., The Whit House, Harleston, Norfolk, aged seventy-two.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. J. Bridgford (northern representative, Sparks, White & Co Ltd.) was installed at the April meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge East Lancashire as Past Provincial Grand Deacon (Senior).

Mr. James. W. Drinkwater, M.P.S., 49 Ashton New Road, Marchester (P.M. of Ardwick Lodge No. 2185 and P.M. of Fraternity Lodg No. 4315) was installed a Past Provincial Grand Assistant Director (Ceremonies at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire on April 26.

ALDERMAN BENJAMIN HOLDEN, M.P.S. Victoria Street, Blackburn has received word that his son, Dr. William S. Holden, who served wit the British Army in Flanders and was officially reported missing, is prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. Lieut. Holden, R.A.M.C was house physician at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester, until Christma 1939, and went to France in January 1940.

RECENT WILLS

Mr. Thomas Charles Jones, M.P.S., Arosfa, Merthyrmawr Road Bridgend, Glamorganshire, who died on April 2, left £8,342, with no personalty £4,985.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY GREEN, M.P.S., Heather Cottage, Bolling Roal Ilkley, who died on April 27, left property of the value of £5,790, wit net personalty nil.

Mr. James Edward Dawson, 16 Westbourne Avenue, Blackpoo Lancs, ammonia distiller, who died on October 2, 1939, left £7,01 with net personalty £6,370.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY LESTER, M.P.S., 53 Hinckley Road, Nuneator Warwicks, who died on March 6, left estate of the gross value of £34,647, with net personalty £20,224.

Mr. RICE WILLIAM REES, 34 Garthorne Road, Honor Oak Parl Lewisham, London, S.E., retired chemist and druggist, who died o May 8, left £10,534, with net personalty £10,490.

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAM CLEMITSON, M.P.S., "Ailsa House," Dawso Street, Crook, Durham, who died on October 26, 1939, left estate (the gross value of £1,546, with net personalty £200.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THERAPEUTICS

by F. Prescott, M.Sc., Ph.D., A.I.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

V.—Anæsthetics

Inhalation Anæsthetics.—The advances made during the last few is can be summarised as follows: 1, Premedication or induction of sthesia; 2, increased use of gas and oxygen; 3, use of closed and i-closed methods; 4, new anæsthetic agents. The following is a liled consideration of these groups.

Recently there has been a tendency to administer drugs to the ent about to undergo operation before he receives a general inhalaanæsthetic. This is known as premedication, or induction of sthesia. It has the advantage of allaying apprehension, diminishing r-pains and the incidence of vomiting, and reducing the amount of sthetic required. Two groups of drugs are used for the purpose of medication. The first group consists of sedatives such as morphine a number of the barbiturates. Some are given by injection, others mouth. Drugs of this group produce light sleep in a few cases, but y drowsiness in most. The second group consists of bromethol bromethyl alcohol), trichlorethanol (trichlorethyl alcohol) and aldehyde, all of which are administered rectally, and the intravenous sthetics. These produce sleep and reduce the amount of ether rered for anæsthesia. They should not be used in cases of liver or kidney nge, toxæmia, and old age. In such, morphine is to be preferred. As a result of improvement in apparatus and the increased use of medication and intravenous anæsthesia, nitrous oxide in combination h oxygen can now be used for prolonged anæsthesia, as well as for rt operations. It is essential that there should be no air leakage in apparatus, and that the percentage of oxygen should be accurately usted. 3. Since anæsthetic gases are exhaled unchanged, if a patient athed into and out of a bag, theoretically there would be no loss of sthetic, and once the desired level of anæsthesia were reached it ld be maintained indefinitely without addition of further anæsthetic. is is the principle of the "closed method." The patient breathes in lout through a mask connected with a rubber bag containing the sthetic (gas-oxygen or ether), a canister of soda lime being placed between to absorb exhaled carbon dioxide. All that need be added small basal flow of oxygen and a small quantity of anæsthetic to ke up for the slight loss that occurs. Use of the closed method ults in economy of anæsthetic, diminished heat and moisture losses m the lungs of the patient, which again help to prevent the onset of gical shock. There is also a reduction in the depth of respiration, ich is much appreciated by surgeons performing abdominal operans.

4. A number of new volatile anæsthetics have been introduced ing recent years. The more important of these are cyclopropane vinesthene. Cyclopropane, or trimethylene, C₃ H₆, although it been in use for some years, is still in the experimental stage. It is more unpleasant than nitrous oxide, is non-irritating, and generally embles ether in its effects, although it is said to have a toxic effect the heart in excessive doses. Other drawbacks are risk of explosion the expense, although the latter can be minimised by use of the sed method. It is said to be of great service in thoracic surgery, d can be used as an adjuvant to nitrous oxide-oxygen anæsthesia. hylene, C2 H4, which resembles nitrous oxide as an anæsthetic, has d a considerable vogue in America but is now seldom used in eat Britain. Acetylene, C_2 H_2 , has also been used for anæsthesia, ecially in Germany, and propylene, C_3 H_6 , appears to be a satistory anæsthetic in animals, though it has not yet been given an tensive trial with human beings.

Many halogenated compounds are used as anæsthetics. In addition chloroform, ethyl chloride, bromethol and trichlorethanol, it has been posed to use trichlorethylene, CHCl: CCl₂, as a volatile anæsthetic. e compound is already in use therapeutically for relief of pain in geminal neuralgia. The best method of administration appears to that of blowing air through the liquid, which is not highly volatile. series of over 300 administrations has been performed, showing on e whole good anæsthesia, though occasionally violent excitement soccurred.

Another member of the ether series that has recently sprung into ominence is divinyl ether or vinesthene $(CH_2=CH)_2O$. This is a lourless liquid with a faint smell. Full anæsthesia can be rapidly oduced by it but, owing to its volatility (E. P. 28° C.), a closed or semi-sed system is essential for prolonged anæsthesia. In order to avoid set from rapid volatilisation a mixture of vinyl ether (25 per cent.) and dinary ether (75 per cent.) is often used. The pure substance is put up 3 c.c. capsules and bottles of 25 c.c. Vinesthene is of particular value r short operations in children and has partly replaced ethyl chloride r dental and minor ear, nose and throat work. It is also useful for inforcing nitrous oxide-oxygen, and in midwifery for manipulations chas version, the use of forceps and for Cæsarian section. Anæsthesia smoother and more rapid than with ordinary ether but, being more

potent, vinesthene requires careful administration. Convulsions under the anæsthetic have recently been recorded. They may be due to decomposition, since the compound rapidly deteriorates with formation of aldehydes, which polymerise to form resinous products known to cause convulsions in experimental animals.

Intravenous Anæsthetics.—Today, general anæsthesia can be produced not only by the inhalation of volatile anæsthetics, but also by the intravenous injection of certain barbiturate drugs. One of the first of these to be used was a mixture of salts of diethyl and allyl isopropyl barbituric acids, which was employed extensively in France as an intravenous basal narcotic. This produces unconsciousness without surgical anæsthesia, which is completed with a general anæsthetic such as ether. Several other barbiturates have been used to produce basal narcosis, among them being sodium isoamyl ethyl barbiturate, sodium ethylmethylbutyl barbiturate and sodium butyl-β-bromallyl barbiturate. Barbiturates that are used for intravenous anæsthesia include hexobarbitone, the sodium salt of N-methyl-cyclohexenylmethyl barbituric acid; the sodium salt of r-methyl-5; 5-allyl isopropyl barbituric acid; sodium (1-methyl-butyl) thiobarbiturate, sodium isoamyl ethyl thiobarbiturate; sodium isopropyl-β-bromallyl-N-methyl barbiturate. These drugs are issued in solid form in ampoules, and the solution is freshly prepared when required for intravenous injection. Being non-volatile, these anæsthetics are not eliminated unchanged like ether, which is excreted mainly through the lungs. They are rapidly broken down in the body, particularly in the liver.

Intravenous anæsthesia is as safe as that produced by volatile anæsthetics if used with due regard to dosage, technique and contraindications. There are many reports on series of 1,000 cases and over without a single fatality. Intravenous anæsthesia minimises psychic shock in nervous patients and does not usually give rise to pulmonary complications, vomiting, and unpleasant after-effects. Since its introduction something like 10,000,000 operations or surgical procedures have been performed by means of it. Not only can intravenous anæsthetics be used as basal narcotics for producing light anæsthesia, which is completed by a general anæsthetic, but they can also be used to produce complete anæsthesia of short duration (up to twenty minutes) for minor operations, and also prolonged anæsthesia for long operations lasting for some hours. They have thus a wide range of action, and have been used for nearly every type of major and minor surgical and obstetrical procedure, as well as for controlling fits and convulsions in tetanus, chorea, delirium tremens, epilepsy, and poisoning by convulsive drugs. Other uses are as sedatives in certain mental cases and to secure a state resembling hypnosis in psycho-analysis. Care has to be taken in controlling the rate of injection of the intravenous anæsthetics. Initially 10 c.c. is given, the first 2-3 c.c. being injected over a period of fifteen seconds, and the next 3-4 c.c. within thirty seconds.

Local Anæsthetics.—The many drawbacks of cocaine have stimulated the search for substitutes. These should have a low toxicity factor, and solutions should be capable of being rendered sterile by boiling. Procaine, or p-aminobenzoyldiethylaminoethanol, is one of the most important of these substitutes. It has recently been used as a 2 per cent. solution to produce local anæsthesia in the treatment of fractures, sprains, sciatica, lumbago, and chronic arthritis. A number of proprietary preparations for local anæsthesia contain procaine and adrenatine. One containing procaine with benzyl alcohol and butyl-p-aminobenzoate, is an extremely long-acting combination, and is used for the injection of peri-anal tissues in such conditions as painful fissures and pruritus ani. Another is the diethylethylenediamide of butyloxycinchoninic acid, which is also a very potent and long-acting anæsthetic.

Spinal Anæsthetics.—Procaine is the basis of a number of preparations used for spinal anæsthesia. The density of solution has to be so adjusted that it approximates to that of the cerebro-spinal fluid (S.G. 1.004—1.010). One proprietary preparation contains procaine and an alcohol-soluble derivative of wheat starch, which limits the diffusion of the procaine.

[Many of the chemical compounds referred to in this article will be more familiar to pharmacists under their proprietary names, but in keeping with our usual policy these trade marks have been omitted.—EDITOR.]

Sale of tea by chemists.—Chemists who have not already registered for obtaining supplies of tea should do so by applying to their local food office and should obtain the order book (S.3) which is being used for ordering wholesale quantities. They can then order in the usual way from wholesale houses, using the official order book. Chemists are reminded that they should not sell tea by retail without receiving the appropriate coupons, reserved for the purpose, from ration books.

HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL PHOTOGRAPHIC BUSINESS

DEVELOPING and printing service, the successful running of which was discussed in The Chemist and Druggist, April 20, p. 311, touches only the fringe of the field of legitimate photographic business. To gain possession of this wider field some thought and planning is necessary.

Camera Stock.—Important questions confronting the chemist photo-dealer are agencies and stocks. The leading firms of manufacturers of photographic apparatus restrict their points of distribution and appoint new dealers only after consultation with existing distributors' organisations. This factor being allowed for, the wise dealer chooses his agencies after a thorough study of the range of products offered by each maker. Several well-known and reliable British firms are manufacturing cameras, and at least one specialises in accessories. The problem now is whether the range to be carried shall include or exclude miniature models. These compact but, in the main, expensive instruments eat heavily into one's capital without producing enough stock to make a satisfactory display. Unless capital is fairly fluid, miniature cameras, especially the trueand most expensive—examples should, with all attendant accessories, be left alone until the business is well established; at the average pharmacy inquirers for miniatures are relatively few. Handbooks and catalogues issued by the manufacturers at a nominal charge, for overprinting with the dealer's name and address, are of considerable value as a sales adjunct. The dealer should endeavour to carry as representative a stock of items as the catalogues portray, not forgetting that the box camera is still the backbone of the camera trade. The latter is also more than useful for introducing photography to the youth of sixteen or thereabouts, who, with the dealer's sympathetic assistance, often develops into a serious worker. Folding cameras are still most popular generally in the $3\frac{1}{2}$ in \times $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. size. The size has been still further popularised by the introduction of a mask that allows sixteen pictures to be made on the ordinary eight-exposure film. Many prospective "miniature" customers can be held with this useful addition to the range when the universal ease of supply in the matter of films and accessories, resulting from the enormous popularity of the $3\frac{1}{2}$ in \times $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. size camera, is pointed out. Two other sizes require serious thought: the $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. which is now rather more popular than formerly, and the $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. size. The former is probably the most useful instrument in the hands of an amateur with little knowledge of composition, the square picture solving the frequent problem "Which way round shall I take it?" The $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. size lends itself to some attractshall I take it?" The $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times $4\frac{3}{4}$ in. size lends itself to some attractive and unusual compositions, and is specially useful for landscape work. For the more advanced or specialising amateur, one model representative of the $4\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times $3\frac{1}{4}$ in. plate type should be stocked. Often, however, customers for such cameras have their own ideas and will await with patience the delivery of an unstocked model. The present tendency is toward larger apertures and better shutters, a tendency that should certainly be catered for. The advantages are obvious and include lengthening of the photographic day with panchromatic film, greater ability to use filters, and the possibility of making photography an all-the-year-round hobby. Generally the average buyer of a camera has in the first instance only a vague idea of what he really wants, so a great deal is left to be suggested by the dealer. Rather than merely inquire what the customer wishes to pay for his instrument, chemists should first try to discover precisely what the customer expects of the camera, or what kind of photographic work he is interested in. With this information as basis, little difficulty should be experienced in meeting the demand from even a limited stock. It is of the greatest importance that the customer should be impressed with the fact that, like any other precision instrument, each camera has definite limitations. The dealer must, therefore, be thoroughly conversant with these limitations and in a position to explain them simply and clearly. To be able to bring forward actual photographs taken with the type of camera under discussion, preferably specimens which illustrate outstanding features possessed by the particular model, is a great advantage

Camera Display.—As with every other kind of merchandise, display is of vital importance, providing always that the following points are kept in mind:—Originality; stock; developing and printing service; and accessories, in that order of importance.

Originality.—No hard and fast rules can be laid down for this quality, which greatly depends upon the temperament of the dealer and his flair for tracking down the unusual. Much, too, depends upon local circumstances. The following hints may, however, prove helpful. A few cameras as nucleus of a display should be accompanied by a series of photographs actually taken with apparatus of the kind shown and preferably drawing attention to an outstanding feature of the camera. Such features are a large-aperture lens, high-speed shutter, delayed-action release, etc. The display becomes

doubly valuable if combined with pictures having local interest, such as (in normal times) a noted or historic beauty spot, night "shots" of the city centre, local illuminations, photographs taken in the local cathedral or parish church, or even an action picture of a nearby fish and chip merchant at his frying range. Stock .- The greatest possible variety consistent with good window-dressing should be displayed—shown, where possible, in makers' groups and ranges. A sprinkling of the humble box camera for the schoolboywho has five shillings to spend, or even for the hesitant adult, should be included. Second-hand and shop-soiled instruments should be displayed on a shelf set aside for this purpose and not included with the new cameras. Clearly marked price tickets should be on every camera in the display. D. and P. Service.—The possibilities of the developing and printing service should be featured in every display, especially by prints and enlargements. Enlargements should show a variety of sizes on different papers or surfaces but all from the same negative. A complete range of possible prints from the same negative should also be shown: black and white; black on tinted; sepia-toned on white and tinted; deckle-edged and plain-edged trimming; platemarked and straight prints, etc. In this way at least a dozen different types of print can be shown from any one negative. Other possible services that can be recommended in the display are tinting, copying, framing, fine-grain developing, while the opportunity can be taken to suggest albums for prints, home developing and printing outfits, and to give details of any local or national photographic competitions that may be running at the time. Accessories.—The largest possible stock of accessories compatible with financial and other limitations should be held and examples shown in every camera display. Special mention may be made of filters, which vary so much in size and shade that the average dealer is inclined to fight shy of stocking them. Much of the difficulty can be overcome by stocking three sizes of an adjustable filter mount. In this way most cameras can be fitted immediately from stock, and any unusual type of filter obtained by post. Lens hoods and camera cases should also be stocked, and customers should be impressed with the importance of keeping a camera in its case.

Sales Policy.—Points arising from those already discussed are hire purchase, second-hand apparatus, and sub-cinematography. Customers known to the dealer may be offered extended credit on more or less their own terms. Less well-known customers should be offered the usual H.P. service, financed by the manufacturers and their agents. Care should be taken to guard against crowding the shelves with second-hand instruments, yet quite often a likely customer demands acceptance of his old camera in part payment for new equipment. In this event he should be offered a fair, even generous, price. The instrument taken in exchange can often be used to encourage some other hesitating customer to extend his scope. Sub-cinematography should be left severely alone unless the dealer is prepared to set aside enough capital to run a complete service, offering (in the four different sub-standard sizes: 9.5 mm., 8 mm., 16 mm., and 17.5 mm.) cameras, projectors, film library and accessories.—F. W. M. (6/7).

GETTING THAT EXTRA SALE

EVERY shop has the customer who calls for one item only; for example, the lady who buys only a certain brand of hair tonic, the man who calls in every few days for indigestion lozenges and who does not purchase toothpaste or shaving stick. Consider these people and what they are likely to be buying elsewhere. To increase the number of sales to such people it is better technique to ask them to recommend your establishment instead of commencing sales talk with them for lines which they are not likely to need. It is also a wise policy to try to discover why a customer patronises your pharmacy and to ask him whether you may send samples to his friends. It may be that your establishment is the only place he passes which stocks the particular article he requires, while other places have to order it. The item may be required for an office or works, yet there is no reason why you should not obtain the personal orders of the customer for other goods. A few tactful remarks in conversation will often suggest his occupation, and it is a surprising fact that many men hate shopping at strange places, yet they are always prepared to call again at the establishment where they think the assistant or owner has similar interests. Hobbies or amusements are a great common meeting ground; a sports discussion will often make a new customer for all lines instead of a casual purchaser for only one particular article. Books, films and plays are other themes that also help to develop the personal touch. Therefore no effort should be spared to look after the customer who calls for one item only and to try to make him or her a shopper who automatically thinks of your establishment whenever he needs an article he may reasonably expect to find in a chemist's shop.—B.S.(17/7).

TRADE REPORT

ot quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs, essential oils, etc., represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard ality. C.i.f. shipment quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges which arise under the present state of emergency

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NDITIONS in all markets continue quiet. Rather better inquiry has been ted from the home-consuming trade and a fair routine business has been ne. Although a number of products are in short supply, owing to difficulties replacing stocks, there is no critical shortage of essential commodities. The representation of the products are many sources supply, particularly in the Far East. Business in Pharmaceutical temicals continues moderate. One or two products are tending dearer, but nerally quoted values are level. Amidopyrine is firm. Makers of Cream tarrar notify an advance in price. Quinine continues to be quoted in nerican dollars. Saccharin is steady at Convention prices, with supplies nited. Tarraric acid is quoted dearer by makers.

ude Drugs

Fair routine business continues in a number of items, but generally the arkets have been quict. Important price changes are few, and values are m. Supplies of Acontte root in first hands appear to be negligible. Spot lues for Agar are unchanged, and shipment prices are still not available on Japan. Spot quotations for Curaçao Aloes continue at the figures quoted st week. Belladonna root and leaf are in short supply, but some root is ported due to arrive from India; English growers report that the crop fiered badly from the severe winter. The Cloves markets have shown some tivity; prices for forward shipment and for spot material remain as last ek. Desiccated coconut is quoted dearer on spot. English growers of increased costs. Forward prices for new-crop Spanish-Portuguese Ergody on a further reduction. More inquiry is reported for Gamboge. Sudan un acacia is in better demand and quoted dearer on spot; shipment values enominal. Honey is firm and unchanged. Matto Grosso Ipecalvanha is mly held for the prices quoted last week. Japanese Menthol is neglected. fair inquiry has been received for Rhubarb, buyers preferring the all-pinky ugh-round variety, little of which is available. Senega for shipment is now mer. Some business is reported in Coriander seed at the prices quoted. NNA continues firm; it is understood that there is little likelihood of shipping cilities being available for Tinnevelly during July and August. Some rieties of Tragacanth are quoted dearer on spot.

sential Oils

Business in these products has been limited and rather featureless during the 1st week. The demand for Almond remains limited. There are no offers on China for Anise (Star). Bois de Rose and Cassia are firm. Citronella ntinues to attract inquiry; Ceylon is easy for shipment. Spot values of ourbon Geranium are now a matter for negotiation; the Algerian variety mains at the prices quoted last week. Sicilian Lemon is nominal on spot. Emongrass for shipment is easy. Palmarosa and Petitgrain are firm. th Chinese and Japanese Peppermint are in good demand on spot; Amerinatural remains steady. Spike is firmer on spot. Among the synthetics, ported Coumarin, Heliotropin, Musk ketone and Musk xylol are 1sted dearer.

Exchange Rates on London

The following is a list of the chief Continental and other exchange rates at e opening on Wednesday morning:—

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* Rate fixed by Bank of England. Bank rate, 2 per cent.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals, etc.

RADE in these markets is on moderate lines. Quoted prices are mainly steady, le or two products tending dearer. Advances are notified in cream of tartar at tartaric acid.

ACETANILIDE.—Market steady; business of moderate account. B.P. leviss, r prompt delivery, from 2s. 3d. to 2s. 5d. per lb., according to quantity.

AMIDOPYRINE.—Dealers' prices continue firm. Quotations for one cwt., bout 25s. to 27s. 6d. per lb.; smaller quantities, up to about 30s. per lb. r crystals, with powder 3d. per lb., extra.

ATROPINE.—Makers' prices per oz. are unchanged:—

				1	oz.	4 OZ.	25 oz.
lkaloid ılphate	::	 	 		21s. od. 16s. 6d.	20s. 6d. 16s. od.	20s. od. 15s. 6d.

ottles, under 5 gm. or \$\frac{1}{2}\$ oz., corked, 3d.; stoppered, 5d.; 5 gm. to 25 gm. or \$\frac{1}{2}\$ oz. to 1 oz., rked, 3\frac{1}{2}d.; stoppered, 6d.; 25 gm. or 1 oz., corked, 3\frac{1}{2}d.; stoppered, 7\frac{1}{2}d.; 50 gm. or 0z., corked, 4d.; stoppered, od. each; 100 gm. and over, included in price; tubes, per 100, gr., 10s. 6d.; 10 gr., 12s. 3d.; 15-gr., 14s.

Barbitone.—Spot values continue firm; business is quiet. Spot, one ewt., 22s. per lb.; 28 lb., 23s.; smaller quantities, up to 26s., ex store.

Borax (B.P.).—The following are makers' present prices: Granulated, £31; crystals, £32; powder, £32 tos., in 1-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, for minimum one-ton lots. Commercial quality, £8 per ton less.

Boric acid (B.P.).—Continues steady at makers' prices: Granulated, £45 ios.; crystals, £46 ios.; powder, £47 ios. per ton, in cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, for minimum one-ton lots. Commercial qualities, £8 per ton less.

Bromides.—Makers are quoting as follows: Potassium, B.P., not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 2d. per lb.; 1 cwt., 2s. 3d.; 28 lb., 2s. 9\frac{1}{2}d. Sodium, B.P., not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 4\frac{1}{2}d. per lb.; 1 cwt., 2s. 5\frac{1}{2}d.; 28 lb., 3s. Ammonium, B.P.C., not less than 5 cwt., 2s. 5\frac{1}{2}d. per lb.; 1 cwt., 2s. 6\frac{1}{2}d.; 28 lb., 3s. id. Net. Rise-and-fall and re-sale clauses apply. Without engagement. Special prices for larger quantities. 28-lb. parcels and 1-cwt. cases or kegs free.

CAFFEINE.—Any foreign material on spot could be valued as follows: Alkaloid less than 56 lb., 23s. 6d. per lb.; 56 lb., 23s.; 1 cwt., 22s. 6d. Citrate, less than 56 lb., 16s. per lb.; 56 lb., 15s. 6d.; 1 cwt., 15s. per lb.

CALCIUM LACTATE.—Up to 1s. 8d. per lb. is quoted by makers for small, quantities.

CITRIC ACID.—Quoted by makers for home consumers at a nominal figure of is. 2d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount. Small supplies in dealers' hands are quoted at about is. 6d. per lb.

Cocaine.—British makers' quotations for wholesale bulk quantities are as follows: Hydrochloride and Nitrate, 25 oz. and over, 298. 9d.; 16 oz. and less than 25 oz., 308. 9d.; over 8 oz. and less than 16 oz., 318. 9d. per oz. Alkaloid, citrate, and salicylate, 25 oz. and over, 328. 6d.; 16 oz. and less than 25 oz., 338. 6d.; over 8 oz. and less than 16 oz., 348. 6d. per oz., 16-oz. packages free. Smaller packing extra. The scale of prices applicable to distributors of smaller quantities is as follows: Hydrochloride and nitrate, 8 oz., 348. 1d.; 4 oz. and less than 8 oz., 348. 7d.; 2 oz. and less than 4 oz., 358. 5d.; 1 oz. and less than 2 oz., 368. 5d.; ½ oz. and less than 1 oz., 378. 11d.; ½ oz. and less than ½ oz., 408. 11d. per oz. Alkaloid, citrate and salicylate, 8 oz., 368. 10d.; 4 oz. and less than 8 oz., 378. 4d.; 2 oz. and less than 1 oz., 408. 8d.; ¼ oz. and less than 2 oz., 398. 2d.; ½ oz. and less than 1 oz., 408. 8d.; ¼ oz. and less than ½ oz., 438. 8d. per oz., packages extra. Re-sale: Sales are subject to buyers' undertaking not to rc-sell any quantity below the scale of prices for such quantity current at the time of re-sale. Export prices vary according to destination.

CREAM OF TARTAR (B.P.).—147s. per cwt., nominal, less $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount, is quoted by one maker for home trade, with supplies restricted to regular consumer customers.

Creosofe (Beechwood).—Dealers' latest quotations are at about 4s. 6d. per lb. for bulk quantities in 25-kilo demijohns, and up to 5s. per lb. for smaller quantities, ex store.

EMETINE HYDROCHLORIDE.—Makers' quotations now range between 100s. and 104s. per oz., according to quantity.

EPHEDRINE HYDROCHLORIDE (B.P.).—Quoted at from 7s. 7d. to 7s. 9d. per oz, for large quantities, and up to 10s. per oz, for smaller quantities.

ETHERS (METHYLATED).—Makers' scales of prices are steady, as follows:—

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	Grade							6 w. qts., per lb.	12 w. qts., per lb.	Drums, per lb.
s.g.							s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
0.750							I 4½	14	I 3½	I 2½
0.735							I 5	I 4½	I 4	1 3
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Net prices, usual terms. Special prices for quantities and contracts, subject to rise-and-fall clause. Prices for anæsthetic ethers unchanged.

Gualacol carbonate.—Market steady; makers' and dealers' quotations unchanged at from 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., ex store, as to quantity.

Gualacol (Crystals).—Business is on routine lines. Makers are quoting from 10s. 9d. to 11s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity. Liquid, from 10s. 6d. upwards, as to quantity.

IODIDES.—Makers' scales of prices steady: Potassium, B.P., not less than I cwt., 8s.; 28 lb., 8s. 6d.; 14 lb., 9s.; 7 lb., 10s. 2d.; 4 lb., 10s. 8d.; smaller quantities, 11s. 2d. per lb. Sodium, B.P., not less than 28 lb., 8s. 10d.; 14 lb., 9s. 4d.; 7 lb., 10s. 9d.; 4 lb., 11s. 5d.; smaller quantities, 12s. 3d. per lb. lodine, B.P., resub., not less than I cwt., 9s. 2d.; 28 lb., 9s. 8d.; 14 lb., 10s. 2d.; 7 lb., 11s. 7d.; 4 lb., 12s. 3d.; smaller quantities, 13s. per lb. loddform, B.P. (cryst., precip. or fowder), not less than 28 lb., 11s. 4d.; 14 lb., 11s. 10d.; 7 lb., 13s. 9d.; 4 lb., 14s. 7d.; smaller quantities, 15s. 5d. per lb. Contracts for I cwt. and upwards (assorted if desired) for delivery as required during three months, with the following clause: Price applicable to any delivery is that in force on date of dispatch. One-cwt. cases charged extra; 28-lb. tins 2s. each and non-returnable. All bottles charged for but credited in full if received back carriage-paid in good condition within three months. Carriage paid on any quantity. Assorted quantities charged for at

collective total prices on orders for 14 lb. and upwards. It is a condition of sale that buyers undertake not to re-sell any quantity at prices or terms below scale for such quantity current at time re-sale is made.

Lactic acid (B.P.).—A quiet market; quoted unchanged. Quantities, in i-cwt. carboys, about is. 8½d. per lb.; in winchesters and bottles, about is. 9d. to 2s. per lb., ex store, according to quantity.

MERCURIALS.—The controlled prices continue unchanged, as follows:—

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	7 lb. less	er but than lb.	28 lb. and over but less than I cwt.	1 cwt. and over but less than 2 cwt.	2 cwt. and over but less than 5 cwt.	5 cwt. and over
Mercury bichloride, powder Mercury bichloride (industrial users) Mercury bichloride, lump Mercury ammonium chloride, powder Mercury ammonium chloride, lump Mercurous chloride Mercury oxide, red crystalline, B.P. Mercury oxide, red levigated, B.P. Mercury oxide, red technical Mercury oxide, red technical Mercury oxide, yellow levigated, B.P. Mercury oxide, yellow levigated, B.P. Mercury oxide, yellow levigated, B.P.	 S. 12 12 13 14 14 15 16 16	3 7 5 0 9 3	15 10	s. d. 12 3 12 10 14 2 14 0 14 7 16 4 15 10 ties—15s. 15 9 ties—15s.	15 8	16 8
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Packages free for quantities of 28 lb. and over; delivery free on orders of £20 and over.

MERCURY IODIDES.—Makers' prices per lb. are as follows: Red, less than 7 lb., 17s. 8d.; not less than 7 lb., 17s. 4d.; not less than 14 lb., 16s. 1od. GREEN, less than 7 lb., 19s. 6d.; not less than 7 lb., 19s. 2d.; not less than 14 lb., 18s. 8d. Yellow, less than 7 lb., 21s. 3d.; not less than 7 lb., 20s. 11d.; not less than 14 lb., 20s. 5d. net, carriage paid.

Mercury sulphide, red (vermilion).—Controlled prices are unchanged: Over 7 lb. but not more than 30 lb., 13s. 11d.; over 30 lb. but less than 1 cwt., 13s. 1od.; 1 cwt. and over but less than 5 cwt., 13s. 9d.; 5 cwt. and over but less than 10 cwt., 13s. 8d.; 10 cwt. and over but less than 20 cwt., 13s. 7d.; 20 cwt. and over, 13s. 6d. per lb. Packages free; delivery free on orders of 10 and over; all prices net cash fourteen days.

METHYL SULPHONAL.—Valued on spot at about 40s. to 42s. 6d. per lb., ex store; little available,

Phenacetin.—Ordinary quantities are quoted by makers at from 3s. 6d. to 3s. 9d. per lb., without engagement. Dealers have only small quantities available, and prices are firm at from 7s. to 7s. 9d. per lb.

PHENAZONE.—Dealers' prices range between 18s. per lb. for bulk quantities and 22s. for small parcels, ex storc.

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—Makers' prices are firm as previously quoted: Less than 7 lb., 3s. 8d. per lb.; 7 lb., 3s. 7d.; 14 lb., 3s. 6d.; 28 lb., 3s. 5d.; one cwt., 3s. 4d.

Phenylethylbarbituric acid (B.P.).—Supplies very limited; quotations firm at from 30s. to 32s. 6d. per lb., in bottles, according to quantity.

QUININE.—Current quotations are in dollars, the price of sulphate being 57 American dollars per 100 oz., f.o.b. Java. Supplies in dealers' hands are quoted at about 3s. 2d. to 3s. 3d. per oz.

RESORCIN.—Makers' scales of prices unchanged: Not less than 7 lb., 7s. 3d. per lb.; not less than 14 lb., 7s.; not less than 56 lb., 6s. rod.; not less than 1 cwt., 6s. 9d. Dealers' prices for any spot material available would be about 8s. 6d. to 9s. per lb.

SACCHARIN.—550 continues to be quoted at the Convention price of 98s. 4d. per lb., duty paid, with supplies limited. There is no Government control on either wholesale or retail prices.

SALOL.—Market firm; values unchanged. Spot, about 6s. 9d. to 7s. per lb., according to quantity.

Santonin.—Convention prices are as follows: 15 kilo and over, £35 10s.; not less than 10 kilo, £36 5s.; not less than 5 kilo, £37; less than 5 kilo, £38 per kilo, delivered free in the U.K.; 1-kilo tins free.

SODIUM BARBITONE.—Values unchanged: One cwt., 23s. per lb.; 28 lb., 24s.; smaller quantities, 27s. per lb., ex store.

STRYCHNINE SALTS.—British makers' prices per oz. are as follows:—

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	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Alkaloid, cryst.	 2	8	2	7	2	6	Nitrate, powder	2	51	2	42	2	3
,, precip.	 2	8	2	7	2	6	,, ,, No. 2	1	II	1	10	I	9
Acetate	 2	104	2	$9\frac{1}{2}$	2	81	Phosphate	3	31/2	3	21/2	3	I
Arsenate	 2	9	2	8	2	7	Sulphate, neutral,	"	-	-			
Arsenite	 2	IOS	2	$9\frac{1}{2}$	2	81	cryst	2	2	2	I	2	0
Bisulphate	 2	01	I	III	T	102	Sulphate, neutral,					-	_
Hydrochloride	2	51	2	41/2	2	31/2	powder	2	2	2	Y	2	0
Hypophosphite	 	2		42 I	5	0	Sulphate, neutral,	~	~	~		-	0
	 5		5							-	8	-	_
Nitrate, cryst.	 2	$5\frac{1}{2}$	2	$4\frac{1}{2}$	2	$3\frac{1}{2}$	powder No. 2	1	9	I	0	1	7

25-02. containers and outer cases free; smaller packages extra. Contracts may be booked for quantities of 100 oz. and over, with rise-and-fall clause, for a period of six months. Terms net thirty days. Wholesale distributors' prices for small quantities would be dearer.

Sulphonal.—Dealers quote at 34s. to 35s. per lb., according to quantity.

Tartaric acid (B.P. crystals).—Makers notify their nominal price is now is. 10½d. per lb., less 5 per cent. discount, with supplies reserved for regular consumer customers. Some small supplies of foreign may be obtainable at about 3s. per lb.

Theobromine.—The spot values of any foreign alkaloid obtainable would be: Less than 56 lb., 23s. 6d. per lb.; 56 lb., 23s.; r cwt., 22s. 6d. per lb.

Crude Drugs, etc.

INTEREST in these markets centres round the home consuming trade, wh has been of fair volume during the week. Values remain firm, and there few price changes of importance.

ACONITE ROOT.—Stocks in first hands are limited and their value would about 140s. per cwt., ex store.

AGAR.—Home trade demand continues moderate and values are about le on the week. Kobe No. 1 material is quoted on spot at about 8s. 3d. per l Kobe No. 2, about 8s.; and Yokohama No. 1, about 7s. 10½d. per lb., all di paid, ex warehouse. Japanese shippers are not quoting.

ALKANET ROOT.—The value indicated for any material available is abgos, per cwt. First-hand suppliers report that stocks are now practice exhausted.

Aldes.—Cape steady; spot material is at about 57s. 6d. to 60s. per c Zanzibar leaves would be worth around 90s. per cwt., ex store, if availal Curaçao is in fair demand, with quotations in the region of 290s. to 310s. cwt., ex store, according to quality. Some forward offers via New York reported at 270s. per cwt., landed.

Antimony.—Values fully steady. English regulus quoted at £106 to £ per ton, ex warehouse; Continental regulus, £99 per ton, duty paid; Chine crude, quoted at £98 to £99 per ton, ex warehouse.

Balsams.—Market steady as quoted, with all descriptions in short support of the control of the c

Belladonna.—Some root to arrive from India reported offered at 15 per cwt., c.i.f. Leaves scarce and not quoted.

Benzoin.—Sumatra is quoted steady on spot at £5 ios. to £6 i5s, per or according to quality.

BISMUTH METAL.—One dollar 25 cents per lb., ex store, is the current pr Buchu.—Little business moving in this market. New-crop quoted on s at from 2s. 8d. to 3s. per lb., according to quality.

Camphor.—The good demand for Japanese material continues. Sq tablets, 6s. per lb. (business done); slabs, about 5s. 4d.; powder, not quot Some offers of American synthetic have been mentioned at about 5s. 3d. lb., duty paid. Continental synthetic powder, 5s. 3d.; tablets, 5s. 6d. per ex store. English refined, quoted as follows: Flowers, one cwt., 5s. 9d.; 28 5s. rod.; less than 28 lb., 5s. rd. per lb. Transparent tablets, \(\frac{1}{4}\)-oz., one cv 6s. 3d.; 28 lb., 6s. 4d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 5d. per lb.

CANTHARIDES.—Small quantities of Chinese are reported available on s at 4s. 6d. per lb., duty paid.

CARDAMOMS.—Not much business; market steady. Ceylon, spot, ab 3s. 6d. to 5s. per lb., according to quality; Bombay seed, about 4s. 6d. per l Mangalorc seed, about 4s. 3d.; Aleppy greens, about 3s. 2d. per lb.

Exports of cardamoms during February amounted to 200 cwt., valued at Rupees 44, compared with 300 cwt., valued at Rs. 38,000, in the corresponding month in 1939.

Cascara sagrada.—Steady demand continues for 1938-39 peel, which now offered at about 87s. 6d. to 95s. per cwt., duty paid, according to quali Offers of new-crop bark are in the region of 65s. per cwt., c.i.f.

CASCARILLA.—Dealers' prices for spot supplies are steady at about is. per lb., with siftings at about is. 4d. per lb.

CHAMOMILES.—Good white flowers, in small parcels, quoted at 400s. cwt. on spot.

CLOVES.—Market firm. Spot and forward prices unchanged. Spot, Zanzil 8½d. per lb.; shipment, July-August, 9d. per lb., c.i.f.; Madagascar, 8d. lb., in bond, nominal.

Cocoa butter.—Prime English on spot quoted at 1s. o\dd. per lb., d paid, ex wharf; foreign, 1s. 1d. per lb., duty paid, ex store London.

Coconut (Desiccated).—Spot quotations firm. Fine, spot, advanced about 35s. per cwt.; medium, about 32s. 6d. per cwt.; halves, 32s. 6d. per c

Cop Liver oil.—Quotations for finest-quality British medicinal oil continuominal. Norwegian position unchanged.

Colchicum.—Supplies are scarce. Spot value would be about rs. 9d. lb. for any available.

Cologynth.—In small demand. Spot material is quoted at about 1s. 8d. lb., ex store.

Dandelion Root.—No quotations available. First-hand supplies app to be cleared.

Derris root.—Some root testing about 18 per cent, ether extract is quo at 8d. per lb. Root of about 4 to 5 per cent. rotenone would be worth about 2d. per lb., if available. No shipment offers.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—Spot, in poor supply, values nominal. English grow report a promising crop, but state that prices will be dearer owing to increacosts.

Ergor.—Spanish-Portuguese, spot, about 22s. 6d. per lb. Quotations forward shipment have again been reduced, and a figure of 7s. 6d. per c.i.f., for July-August shipment, has been mentioned.

Gamboge.—More inquiry noted this week. Good-quality Siam pipe quo at about £25 to £26 per cwt., duty paid.

GINGER.—Continues quiet; no change in quotations. West African quoted on spot at about 28s. per cwt.; shipment, July-August, 23s., c. nominal. Jamaican, spot, small medium, 52s. 6d.; bold, in barrels, 85s. cwt., ex store. Cochin, unwashed, 45s. per cwt., ex store; shipment, 3per cwt., c.i.f.

Gum Acacia.—Quoted dearer on spot. Kordofan cleaned sorts now valuat 85s. per cwt. shipment, 45s. per cwt., c.i.f., nominal.

HENBANE.—Spot supplies limited and values nominal.

ONEY.—Market firm and unchanged. Jamaican is quoted nominal at it 90s. to 105s. per cwt. Canadian, about 100s. to 105s. per cwt., ex store, Australian, about 85s. per cwt., ex store. Supplies limited.

-Spot supplies are valued at about 20s. per lb. for untested and about 23s. per lb. for tested material.

**ECACUANHA. —Good-test Matto Grosso root is firmly held for about 27s.

8s. per lb., ex store; shipment, July—August, firm at about 24s. 9d. per lb.,

Minas is in better demand; spot, about 11s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per lb.,

ording to test and seller; shipment, July—August, business reported done s. gd. per lb., c.i.f. Ext. ipecac. lig., 35s. 6d. per lb. for minimum lots of lve winchesters.

ENTHOL.—Steady on spot. Chinese, in fair demand, quoted at about 16s. 6s, 6d. per lb., duty paid, according to brand; shipment, August-September, ut 14s. 10½d. per lb., c.i.f. Japanese continues neglected; some odd cases reported available at about 20s. to 22s. per lb., according to seller.

IERCURY.—Unchanged at £54 10s. per bottle of 34.5 kilos, ex warehouse don, without engagement and subject to confirmation.

RANGE PEEL.—Thin-cut is valued on spot at 3s. 3d. per lb., ex store, ter quarters are scarce, and if available, would be worth about 1s. 4d. per

Pepper.—Steady; all quotations unchanged. Lampong, in bond, spot, tinues at 2\frac{1}{4}\text{d. per lb.; shipment, July-August, 2\frac{1}{4}\text{d. c.i.f.}} Tellicherry, t, 4\frac{1}{4}\text{d.; shipment, July-August, 34s. per cwt., c.i.f. Aleppy, spot, 4\frac{1}{4}\text{d.;} ment, July-August, 34s. per cwt., c.i.f. White Muntok, spot, duty paid, .; in bond, 4\frac{1}{4}\text{d.; shipment, July-August, 3\frac{7}{4}\text{d. per lb.; c.i.f.}}

'MENTO.—Quiet; quotations unchanged. Spot, about rold. per lb.;

ment, new-crop, August-September, 85s., sellers, c.i.f.

UILLAIA BARK.—Offered on spot at about 75s. per cwt., ex store.

RHUBARB.—There is fair inquiry for all-pinky rough-round, but little terial is available on spot. Ordinary-quality rough-round is valued at ween 4s. 10½d. and 5s. 3d. per lb., duty paid.

RUBBER.—Market closed quiet; moderate business. Standard ribbed ked sheet, spot, 12¾d.; August, 12½d.; September, 12¾d.; October—ember, 11½d.; January-March, 11½d. per lb.

ANDARAC.—Spot stocks in London are small. Prime quality, quoted at s., duty free.

s, duty free.

EEDS.—ANISE.—Spot, Bulgarian, 90s., duty paid, and 85s., in bondMARY.—Spot, duty paid, Mazagan, 33s.; Morocco and Plate, quoted at
6d. CARAWAY.—Dutch, quoted at 155s., duty paid. CORIANDER.—Spot,
rocco, offered at 32s. 6d., duty paid, and 31s., in bond; some business
orted at these figures. CUMIN.—Spot stocks small; Morocco, quoted at
s., duty paid, and 95s., in bond. Dill.—Spot, Indian, 37s. 6d., duty free,
ig in London or Liverpool. Fennel.—Spot, Indian, 52s. 6d. to 57s. 8d.,
y free; Iran, 55s., in bond. Fenugree,—Spot, Morocco, 22s. 6d., duty
d, and 21s., in bond, ex store London or Liverpool. Mustard.—Spot,
6d. to 67s., according to quality.

ENEGA.—Not much available on spot, and value would be about 3s. 6d. 3s. 9d. per lb.; material for shipment, July—August, after being quoted at out 2s. 4d., firmed up considerably to about 2s. 7d. to 2s. 8d. per lb., c.i.f.

ENNA.—Market continues firm as quoted. Best pale hand-packed Tinnely pods are in short supply and quoted at about ro\(^1\)4d. per lb., with darker des at between 6\(^1\)4d. and 7\(^1\)4d.; f.a.q., 5\(^1\)4d. per lb., leaves, about 8\(^1\)4d. for No. 2, and 4\(^1\)4d. for No. 3. It is understood that there is little lihood of shipping facilities being available during July and August. nd-picked Alexandrian nominal, with not much available on spot.

HELLAC.—Market quiet; quotations nominal. Spot, standard TN orange, ; pure button, 105s.; fine orange, 110s. to 150s. per cwt.

TRAMONIUM LEAVES.—Spot in limited supply; values nominal.

RAGACANTH.—Finest selected white ribbon is quoted slightly dearer at £90, h supplies limited. No. 1, white, is now worth £82 10s.; all other varieties quoted unchanged; No. 2, white, £70; No. 3, white, £55; pale leaf, £30; oer leaf, £22; red leaf, from £10 10s.; woody and hoggy, from £5. All es are per cwt., ex store London.

URMERIC.—Spot, Madras and Rajapore finger, quoted at 42s. 6d. to 43s. ALERIAN ROOT.—Material in first hands reported scarce; no prices quoted. ANILLA.—At auction on July 19, twelve tins were offered and sold under hammer:-

Quality	Length	per lb.
NDA: "first," slightly crystallised, fair flavour "first," little, mixed with foxy CHELLES: "first" and "second," rather mouldy	5 in. and 7 in. $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $6\frac{1}{2}$ in.	28s. 6d. to 30s. 27s.
badly tainted	4 in. and 7½ in. 4 in. and 6 in.	10s. to 12s. 9s. 7s. to 8s.

Bees'.—Market steady. Spot, from 172s. 6d.; in bond, 157s. 6d.; pment, Dar-es-Salaam, 1578. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f. Japanese, first three ands, spot, 120s., duty paid; 110s., in bond; shipment, 110s., c.i.f. RNAUBA.—Fatty grey, 365s.; chalky grey, spot, 350s.; Primeira, spot, 465s.

Essential and Expressed Oils, etc.

SINESS in these products has been quiet, with few price changes.

aller quantities at higher prices.

LMOND.—Demand has been small. Spot, expressed, about 3s. 8d. to 3s. 11d. lb., in cwt. lots, and up to about 4s. 3d. for smaller quantities, ex store. uine French bitter quoted at about 13s. 6d. to 14s. 6d. per lb., ex store. NISE.—Spot market continues dull. Spot, tins in cases, about 4s. 6d. per drums, about 4s. 4½d.; leads, about 4s. 6d. per lb.; no offers from China. VOCADO PEAR.—Quoted unchanged at from 55s. to 57s. per gall., delivered;

BAY.—Spot, from 5s. 3d. to 6s. per lb., ex store, according to quality. Bergamot.—Spot value nominal and a matter for negotiation.

Bois de rose.—Firm, with quotations unchanged. Spot, about ros. per lb.; no shipment offers.

Cassia.—Firm on spot, with leads valued at about 5s. 9d. per lb. and drums at lower figures

CITRONELLA.—Ceylon, spot, quoted at about 2s. 4d. to 2s. 6d. per lb., in drums; small quantities, up to about 3s. per lb.; shipment, drums, easy at about 1s. 6½d. per lb., c.i.f. Java, quoted unchanged at about 2s. 6d. to 3s. per lb. for spot supplies; shipment continues at in the region of 1s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

Exports of citronella oil during February amounted to 89,000 lb., valued at Rupees 86,700, compared with 105,000 lb., valued at Rs. 103,000 during the corresponding month of 1939.

CIVET.—Highest-quality material is now quoted on spot at about 30s, to 35s. per oz.

CLOVE.—Some inquiry this week. Madagascar, quoted at about 5s. 6d. upwards per lb., in drums, if available. English distilled, firm at about 7s. to 7s. 3d. per lb., according to quantity.

Eucalyptus.—Spot quotations for 70 to 75 per cent. oil continue at about 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb., according to holder; shipment prices are nominal at about 3s. per lb., c.i.f.

GERANIUM.—Firm, with little material available. Bourbon, spot, nominal and price for good-quality oil would be a matter for negotiation. Algerian, unchanged at about 24s. 6d. per lb.; no shipment offers.

Grapefruit.—About 12s. 6d. would be the value per lb. of genuine Californian oil; genuine Florida, about 11s. 6d. per lb.

Lemon.—No change in the position of Sicilian hand-pressed, which continues nominal on spot, and for which prices would have to be negotiated. Regular-quality Californian distilled, quoted at 9s. 6d. per lb., ex wharf; shipment prices for cold-pressed are not available.

Lemongrass.—Spot is now worth about 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, easy at about 3s. or less per lb., c.i.f.

Lime.—Genuine West Indian continues to be quoted at about 30s. per lb., with other qualities at lower prices.

Linseed.—The controlled price for large bulk quantities of crude, naked ex works, is unchanged at the recent reduction to £44 per ton. Distributors' prices for ordinary quantities of crude or boiled, packed and carriage paid, would be at higher figures

Neroli.—80s. per oz. is the approximate value of pure French oil.

OLIVE.—The Ministry of Food controlled price paid by importers for large bulk quantities in 50-gall. drums is unchanged. Distributors' prices for a few gallons, packed in gallon tins, carriage paid, now range from 12s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per gall., according to quantity.

Orange.—Not much business moving in this product. French Guinea oil is quoted at around 5s. 6d. to 6s. per lb. Californian is quoted in sterling at 4s. 1od. per lb., in small drums, ex store, duty paid, limited supplies only being available.

Otto of Rose.—Bulgarian is now valued at about 60s. per oz.

Palmarosa.—Market firm, quotations unchanged. Spot, about 12s. 6d. per lb., ex store; shipment, around 10s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

PATCHOULI.—Genuine Singapore oil is quoted on spot at about 45s. per lb. Seychelles oil is worth about 42s. per lb., nominal, with supplies poor; no shipment offers.

Peppermint.—Both Japanese and Chinese oils have been in better demand. Odd cases of Japanese are quoted at 9s. 6d, per lb. A fair spot business has been done in Chinese, and values are at about 6s. 9d., in drums, and 7s. to 7s. 3d., in tins; shipment, August and September, from Shanghai, offered at 6s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f., subject to freight being available. American natural, steady at 14s. 3d., in drums, and 14s. 6d., in; tins or cases, c.i.f. Spot, about 16s. per lb., ex store.

Petitgrain.—Market firm, no change in quotation. Spot, 10s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. per lb., nominal, no shipment offers.

Rosemary.—Spanish, about 4s. 6d. to 5s. per lb., ex store, if available.

Sandalwood.—Genuine East Indian Mysore, in one-case lots, 19s. per lb. East Indian, produced outside the province of Mysore, 18s. per lb. for bulk quantities. English-made West Indian, 15s. per lb.; Australian, one-case lots, 16s., and five-cwt. lots, 15s. 6d. per lb.

Spike.—Good-quality Spanish oil firmer at between 10s. and 12s. per lb., ex store.

Turpentine (American).—Steady: London, 54s. 9d. per cwt., tax paid, in barrels, ex wharf; Liverpool, 61s., in barrels, ex store.

VETIVERT.—The value of Bourbon on spot would be about 35s. per lb., and Java, about 27s. 6d. to 30s. per lb., ex store.

Wormseed.—Market steady, quotations unchanged. Spot, around 24s. 6d. per lb., shipment, about 23s. per lb., c.i.f.

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Synthetics.—The following are the current prices:—Amyl acetate, pure 110s., technical, 105s. per cwt., in cwt. cases; small quantities, up to 2s. per lb. Amyl salicylate, 3s. 3d. to 3s. 9d. per lb. Aubepine, ex para cresol, 16s. to 17s. per lb., nominal; ex anethol, 16s. to 17s. per lb. Benzyldehyde, 2s. 9d. to 3s. 6d. per lb. Benzyl acetate, 2s. 9d. to 3s. 3d. per lb. Benzyl alcohol, 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per lb., nominal. Bromstyrol, 100 per cent., 17s. per lb. Citrol, chemically pure, 9s. to 11s. per lb. for good quality. Coumarin, English makers quote nominal at about 13s. 6d.; imported material, up to 25s. per lb. or more. Ethyl phthalate, about 1s. 6d. per lb. for cwt. lots and up to 2s. 9d. for smaller quantities. Eugenol, 9s. to 11s. per lb. Geraniol, ex palmarosa, 2os. per lb. Heliotropin, 100 per cent. crystals, quoted nominal at 25s. per lb. Isoeugenol, 11s. to 12s. per lb. Methyl anthraknilate, 16s. per lb., nominal. Mirbane, cwt. lots, 9d. per lb.; small quantities at higher prices. Musk ketone, price now 30s. per lb. Musk xylol, 9s. per lb. Musk ambrette, 27s. 6d. per lb. Phenyl ethyl alcohol, 14s. 6d. per lb., nominal. Safrol, pure, 8s. per lb. Terpineol, 2s. 3d. to 2s. 9d. per lb., nominal.

COMMERCIAL NOTES

United States Gum Tragacanth Imports.—The following table shows United States gum tragacanth imports in lb. during the years 1937-39:—

	Cou	ntry	of Ship	ment		1937	1938	1939
France					 	76,131	2,305	8,960
Germany					 	4,630	440	4,196
Sweden					 	56,000	-	5,075
Russia					 	836,308	359,261	23.025
United Kir	ngdom				 	11,346	4,084	8.792
British Ind	lia				 	239,246	8,122	
Iran					 	1,775,900	649,434	2,917,616
Iraq					 	93,089	30,895	1,321
Palestine					 	_	_	5,450
Syria					 	104,503	-	
Turkey					 	47,841	19,559	90,241
Total					 	3,244,994	1,074.100	3,064,676

Canadian Vanillin Imports.—Imports of vanillin into Canada during 1939 totalled 11,843 lb., valued at \$27,697, compared with 8,589 lb., valued at \$24,101, during 1938.

Union of South Africa Buchu Exports.—The following table gives particulars of exports of buchu leaves from the Union of South Africa during the years 1939 and 1938:—

		6.1	4:		19	39	1938		
	Counti	ry of L)estina	Lion	· lb.	£	lb.	£	
United Kin	gdom				 72,012	3,685	61,055	3,353	
India					 300	13	400	25	
Australia					 14,132	892	9,353	661	
New Zealan	ıd				 _	_	582	33	
France					 2,487	I 2.4	3,193	207	
Germany					 23,118	1,209	17,713	1,068	
U.S.A.					 165,174	7,923	93,606	5,032	
Total					 277,223	£13,846	185,902	£10,379	

United States Psyllium Seeds Imports.—The following table shows imports of psyllium seeds into the United States during the years 1936-39:—

Country of	193	36	193	37	193	8	1939			
Shipment	lb.	\$	lb.	\$	lb.	\$	lb.	\$		
France Spain	1,342,710 10,000	1,020	11,023	547	803,639 13,228	917		_		
British India Belgium Italy	1,711,938 9,924 15,328	333 1,255	6,503	343	1,819,494	210,054	1,455,482	134,037		
Iraq	3,340	134				_				
Total	3,092,140	207,498	3,185,066	314,369	2,636,361	276,829	2,183,742	199,823		

Medicinal Plant Cultivation in Greece.—It is reported that efforts to promote cultivation of medicinal plants in Greece are being intensified. Three years ago experimental fields were laid out with peppermint, and the results were so favourable that in the first year 4,000 kilos were provided for the pharmaceutical industry. Since then the cultivation of peppermint has been put on a commercial basis, and all State plantations are now equipped with distillation apparatus, which is also at the disposal of private cultivators. The Greek government is now to commence cultivation of belladouna, stramonium, henbane, valerian, mallow, etc.

Union of South Africa Aloes Exports.—The following table gives particulars of exports of aloes from the Union of South Africa during the years 1939 and 1938:—

Country of Destination	19	39	19	38
Country of Destination	lb.	£	lb.	£
United Kingdom India Palestine Hong Kong British Malaya Southern Rhodesia Canada Australia New Zealand Belgium Denmark France Indo-China Syria Germany Holland Italy Poland (including Danzig)	198,879 7,840 1,097 75,662 19,013 100 — 17,626 1,771 13,638 23,889 71,045 — 23,349 24,9,919 24,844 87,206	2,574 122 13 884 229 2 2 2 162 383 884 35 3,880 378 1,377 518	92,662 9,551 14,739 18,584 186 2,240 9,948 2,707 12,832 7,652 85,403 20,816 —355,331 48,430 102,335 41,583	1,366 175 313 302 8 51 203 59 233 104 1,485 388 — 6,775 998 1,867 879
China Iraq Japan Thailand Egypt United States of America Cuba Uruguay	3,426 29,247 99,031 14,272 69,334 5,487		3,145 112,296 55,239 21,572 54,647 941 5,225	1,879 659 336 1,318 25 108
Total	1,039,441	14,379	1,078,124	19,597

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Appreciation

I am enclosing what I believe is my forty-second or -third subscrtion to the C. & D. I would briefly like to say I have found informati in its columns of great value.—J. M. (18/7).

One-man Businesses

The reasonableness shown in the memorandum issued by the Central Price Regulation Committee (C. & D., July 13, p. 20) when welcomed by owners of one-man businesses. It is only fair the working proprietor of an individual shop should be allowed charge his salary as part of his overhead expenses, and a just way estimate the amount is to put it on the same level as that of a manage In a chemist's business this amount may vary according to circustances. Some firms pay their managers a basic salary with commission sales, so that the total salary may be variable and indefinite. It he purpose of the Order an average will have to be fixed, and this probably be around £5 per week, anything accruing to the proprie over and above this sum being reckoned as profit on invested capitand therefore not an "expense."—Salaried (13/7).

Local Clearing Houses

Mr. L. Edwards, in his letter on "Limitation of Supplies" (C. & July 20, p. 38) puts forward a practical scheme for mutual assistance chemists in his immediate neighbourhood. In doing so he shows him willing to shoulder the burden of a good deal of extra clerical work a probably some amount of extra capital outlay, and his readiness to these things is probably the best guarantee that his plan will m with success. If it proves workable in a London district, then a fort a similar scheme in provincial centres should facilitate trading durin time of considerable difficulty. In each district a chemist mutual chemists who subscribe to the idea should undertake the sn obligation suggested in Mr. Edwards' fifth point: buying up to full quota. One hopes to hear more of this scheme.—A. Wilson (20

Proprietaries under N.H.I.

Your correspondent "Equivox" (C. & D., July 20, p. 38) expreduct whether the Stirling Insurance Committee would pay for disallow a prescription for a proprietary which was dispensed by chemist even though an official or officinal equivalent existed. Sun the Committee would be bound to pass the chemist's account, howe much it might deprecate the waste of public moneys involved, and withholding of payment decided upon would be entirely at the experiment of the prescriber. Certainly this would be the case in England, and we there may be differences of procedure between the two countries seems unlikely that there can be any doubt that the chemist's clawould be met. The principle is specifically set down in the notes "Pharmaceutical Service under N.H.I. Acts" given in your Diary Year Book, 1940, p. 244.—Equitas (22/7).

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publist supposed formulas for them

Astringent Nasal Ointment.—T. L. S. (17/7).—An ointment V astringent properties for application to the nose can be made V the following formula:—

Ponder's Diphtheria Stain.—M. L. (15/7).—Ponder's or Pussain is used for the examination of a diphtheria swab and is used dabbing a loopful of the stain on the dried smear. The smear is the examined by the hanging-drop method. C. diphtheriæ appears blue with bright and often deeply-stained red granules along its endength. The stain is made up as follows:—

 Toluidine blue
 0.002 gm.

 Glacial acetic acid
 1.00 c.c.

 Dehydrated alcohol
 2.00 c.c.

 Water to
 1.0000 c.c.

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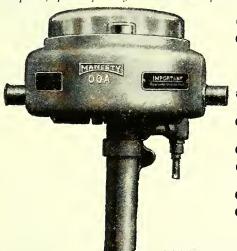
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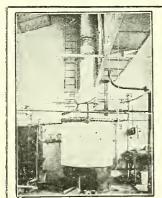
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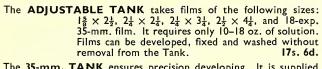
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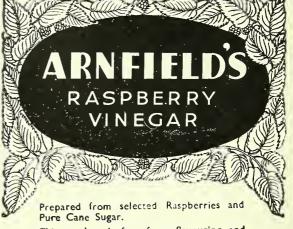
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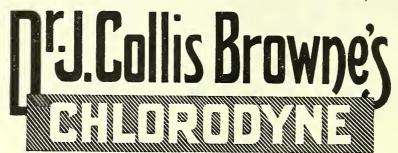
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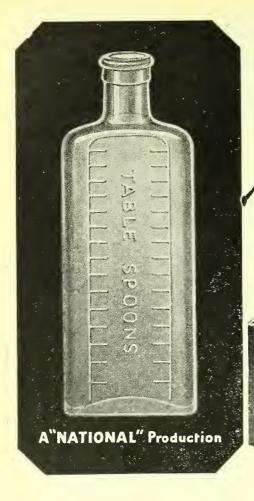
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